

APPLICATION FOR THE CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION FUND

October 2001
SUMMARY SHEET

IMPORTANT: Please consult the "Instructions for Completing the Project Application" for assistance with this form.

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APPLICANT: Village of Elmwood Place CODE # ---

(If Unknown Call OPWC)

DISTRICT NUMBER: 2 COUNTY: Hamilton DATE 4/01/02CONTACT: Janie Stacey PHONE # (513) 242-0563 (THE PROJECT CONTACT PERSON SHOULD BE THE INDIVIDUAL WHO WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING BUSINESS HOURS AND WHO CAN BEST ANSWER OR COORDINATE THE RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS)FAX: (513) 242-5478 E-MAIL ecityhall@cinci.rr.comPROJECT NAME: Mill Creek Greenway - Elmwood Place Section

ELIGIBLE APPLICANT

(Check Only 1)

- ☐ A. County (1)
☐ B. City (2)
☒ D. Village (4)
☐ E. Conservancy District (6)
☐ F. Soil & Water
 Conservation District (7)
☐ G. Joint Recreational District (8)
☐ H. Park District/Authority (9)
☐ I. Nonprofit Organization (10)
☐ J. Other _____ (11)

PROJECT TYPE

(Check Largest Component)

- ☒ A. Open Space (7)
☐ B. Riparian Corridor (8)

PRIMARY PROJECT EMPHASIS 7

(Choose a category from Attachment A which most closely describes our primary project emphasis.)

ESTIMATED TOTAL

CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION

PROJECT COST (from 1.1f): \$ 89,500 FUNDING REQUESTED: (from 1.2e) \$ 67,125

NRAC APPROVAL - To be completed by the NRAC Committee ONLY

GRANT: \$ _____

FOR OPWC USE ONLY

PROJECT NUMBER: _____

APPROVED FUNDING: \$

Local Participation _____ %

Project Release Date:

Clean Ohio Fund Participation _____ % 1

1.0 PROJECT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1.1 **PROJECT ESTIMATED COSTS:** TOTAL DOLLARS \$89,500 In Kind
 (Round to Nearest Dollar) Dollars
 (See definition in instructions.)

- a.) Acquisition Expenses: \$ 78,000.00
- Fee Simple Purchase \$ 78,000
- Easement Purchase \$ _____
- Other _____ \$ _____
- b.) Planning and Implementation: \$ 3,500.00
- Appraisal \$ 500
- Closing Costs \$ 1,500
- Title Search \$ 500
- Environmental Assessments \$ 1,000
- Design \$ _____
- Other Eligible Costs \$ _____
- c.) Construction or Enhancement of Facilities: \$ 0.00
- RR Crossing?
- d.) Permits, Advertising, Legal: \$ 500.00
- e.) Contingencies: \$ 7500.00
 (not to exceed 10% of total costs)
- f.) **TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS:** \$ 89500.00

1.2 PROJECT FINANCIAL RESOURCES:

(Round to Nearest Dollar and Percent)

	DOLLARS	%
a.) In-Kind Contributions (Please define) <u>Land Donation</u>	\$ <u>21,000.00</u>	<u>23%</u>
b.) Applicant Contributions (Local Funds)	\$ <u>.00</u>	
c.) Other Public Revenues		
Nature Works	\$ <u>.00</u>	
Land Water Conservation Fund	\$ <u>.00</u>	
Ohio Water Development Authority	\$ <u>.00</u>	
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency	\$ <u>.00</u>	
Community Development Block Grant	\$ <u>.00</u>	
Ohio Department of Natural Resources	\$ <u>.00</u>	
OTHER _____	\$ <u>.00</u>	
d.) Private Contributions	\$ <u>1375.00</u>	<u>2%</u>
SUBTOTAL LOCAL RESOURCES:	\$ <u>22375.00</u>	<u>25%</u>
e.) CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION FUND:	\$ <u>67125.00</u>	<u>75%</u>
Funds from another NRAC	\$ <u>0.00</u>	
SUBTOTAL CLEAN OHIO RESOURCES:	\$ <u>67,125.00</u>	
f.) TOTAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES:	\$ <u>89500.00</u>	<u>100%</u>

1.3 AVAILABILITY OF LOCAL FUNDS:

Attach a statement signed by the Chief Financial Officer listed in section 4.2 certifying all local share funds required for the project will be available on or before the earliest date listed in the Project Schedule section.

Please list any partnership with other sources. (i.e.; is this part of a larger project or plan): Mill Creek Restoration Project, Citizens Land Conservancy of Hamilton County, Soil and Water Conservation District

2.0 PROJECT INFORMATION

If the project is multi-jurisdictional, information must be consolidated in this section.

_____ *Please check here if additional documentation is attached.*

2.1 BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION - (Sections A through E):

A: SPECIFIC LOCATION: see attached map.

PROJECT COUNTY: Hamilton **PROJECT ZIP CODE:** 45216

B: PROJECT COMPONENTS: Please describe the various project components.

Acquisition of a 2.5 acre parcel on the east bank of the Mill Creek.

C: PROJECT EMPHASIS AS DEFINED BY SECTIONS 164.22 (A) (B) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND LISTED IN APPENDIX A: Please describe.

The Mill Creek Greenway – Elmwood Place Section is part of the proposed Mill Creek Greenway as conceived in the Mill Creek Watershed Greenway Master Plan (MCWGMP June 1999). It would offer a natural connection to the City of Cincinnati's current work on connecting Caldwell Park to the Seymour Nature Preserve along the main branch of the Mill Creek. This project has great potential to continue to foster collaboration between the City of Cincinnati and Elmwood Place and to restore the ecology of this area of land fills and older industrial operations. This area is an economically distressed zone close to environmental justice and underserved communities.

The project is located on the east side of the Mill Creek, just north of Center Hill Road. This area was identified in the MCWGMP as one of six "ecologically important areas." This area is identified as being the "tree-fringed creek between Center Hill Avenue and North Bend Road provides nesting, food and shade for stream animals and birds" (MCWGMP p. A-5). The soil survey of Hamilton County identifies the area as Stonelick Series soils. The property has also been identified by FEMA as being in the 100 year floodplain.

The property has been overrun with honeysuckle and there is opportunity for volunteers to remove this invasive species and replace it with native vegetation. Once the honeysuckle is removed, reforestation could help improve water quality. The protection and restoration of this parcel of

property could help improve the water quality of the Mill Creek and improve the habitat quality for fish and macro-invertebrates. The acquisition of this property would protect the wooded bank of the Mill Creek. This permanent acquisition of a piece of the Mill Creek riparian corridor would provide greenspace linkages to other projects. A small pocket park of the Village of Elmwood Place is located directly east of the subject parcel. The parcel could also provide a link to the other parks along the proposed Mill Creek Greenway. Access to this greenway could improve the quality of life of the Village of Elmwood Place and increase home values in this working class community. If the greenway is completed, economic development related to recreation could occur in this area of relative high unemployment.

D: DEFINE TERMS OF EASEMENTS:

PLEASE REFER TO SECTION 164.26 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.

Not Applicable

E: INFORMATION REGARDING PUBLIC ACCESS

Where is the access located? Is it open to the general public or are there restrictions? What are the hours of availability? Will the general public be given the opportunity to participate in the planning of the project?

Access to the property can be made via the use of lands owned by the Mill Creek Conservancy District. However, initially access will be restricted due to safety and trespassing considerations. In the future when the entire Mill Creek Greenway is assembled, the property will be opened to the public.

2.2 OWNERSHIP/MANAGEMENT/OPERATION: Please address.

The Village of Elmwood Place will own and manage the property.

3.0 PROJECT SCHEDULE:*

		BEGIN DATE	END DATE
3.1	Planning and Implementation:	<u>6/1/02</u>	<u>9/1/02</u>
3.2	Land Acquisition/Easements:	<u>9/1/02</u>	<u>12/1/02</u>
3.3	Site Improvements:	<u>NA</u>	<u>NA</u>

* Failure to meet project schedule may result in termination of agreement for approved projects. Modification of dates must be requested in writing by a project official of record and approved by the commission once the Project Agreement has been executed.

4.0 PROJECT OFFICIALS:

- 4.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER Jim Toles
 TITLE Mayor
 STREET 6118 Vine Street

 CITY/ZIP Cincinnati, OH 45216
 PHONE (513) 242-2578-
 FAX (513) 242-4578 -
 E-MAIL ecityhall@cinci.rr.com
- 4.2 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER Henrietta Philpot
 TITLE Clerk
 STREET 6118 Vine Street

 CITY/ZIP Cincinnati, OH 45216
 PHONE (513) 242-2578-
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- 4.3 PROJECT MANAGER Janie Stacey
 TITLE Assistant to the Mayor
 STREET 6118 Vine Street

 CITY/ZIP Cincinnati, OH 45216
 PHONE (513) 242-2578-
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Changes in Project Officials must be submitted in writing from the CEO or CFO.

5.0 ATTACHMENTS/COMPLETENESS REVIEW:

In order that your application may be processed in a timely fashion, please submit your application on 8 1/2 by 11 white paper with dark ink so that it may be copied for others. It is understood that some items may not conform to this request such as large maps and photographs. Please feel free to include these items.

Confirm in the blocks [] below that each item listed is attached.

- [X] A certified copy of the authorization by the governing body of the applicant authorizing a designated official to sign and submit this application and execute contracts. This individual should sign under 6.0, Applicant Certification, below.
- [X] A certification signed by the applicant's chief financial officer stating all local share funds required for the project will be available on or before the dates listed in the Project Schedule section.
- [at closing] A formal detailed estimate of the project's costs provided by an architect, landscape architect, or other professional. For land acquisition, an appraisal by a State-certified general real estate appraiser, as defined under ORC 4763 for the type of land being appraised will need to be submitted to the NRAC prior to closing.
- [NA] A cooperation agreement (if the project involves more than one entity) which identifies the fiscal and administrative responsibilities of each participant.
- [X] Resolution of Support (Please refer to section 164.23(B)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code for guidance.)
- [NA] Identification of any participation by state agencies that will provide to this particular project and that will provide assistance with respect to the project.
- [X] Information concerning the coordination of the project among local political subdivisions, state agencies, federal agencies, community organizations, conservation organizations, and local business groups.
- [X] Supporting Documentation: Materials such as additional project description, photographs, and/or other information to assist your NRAC in ranking your project. Be sure to include supplements which may be required by your local NRAC.
- [X] Have you reviewed your NRAC's methodology to see that you have addressed all components?

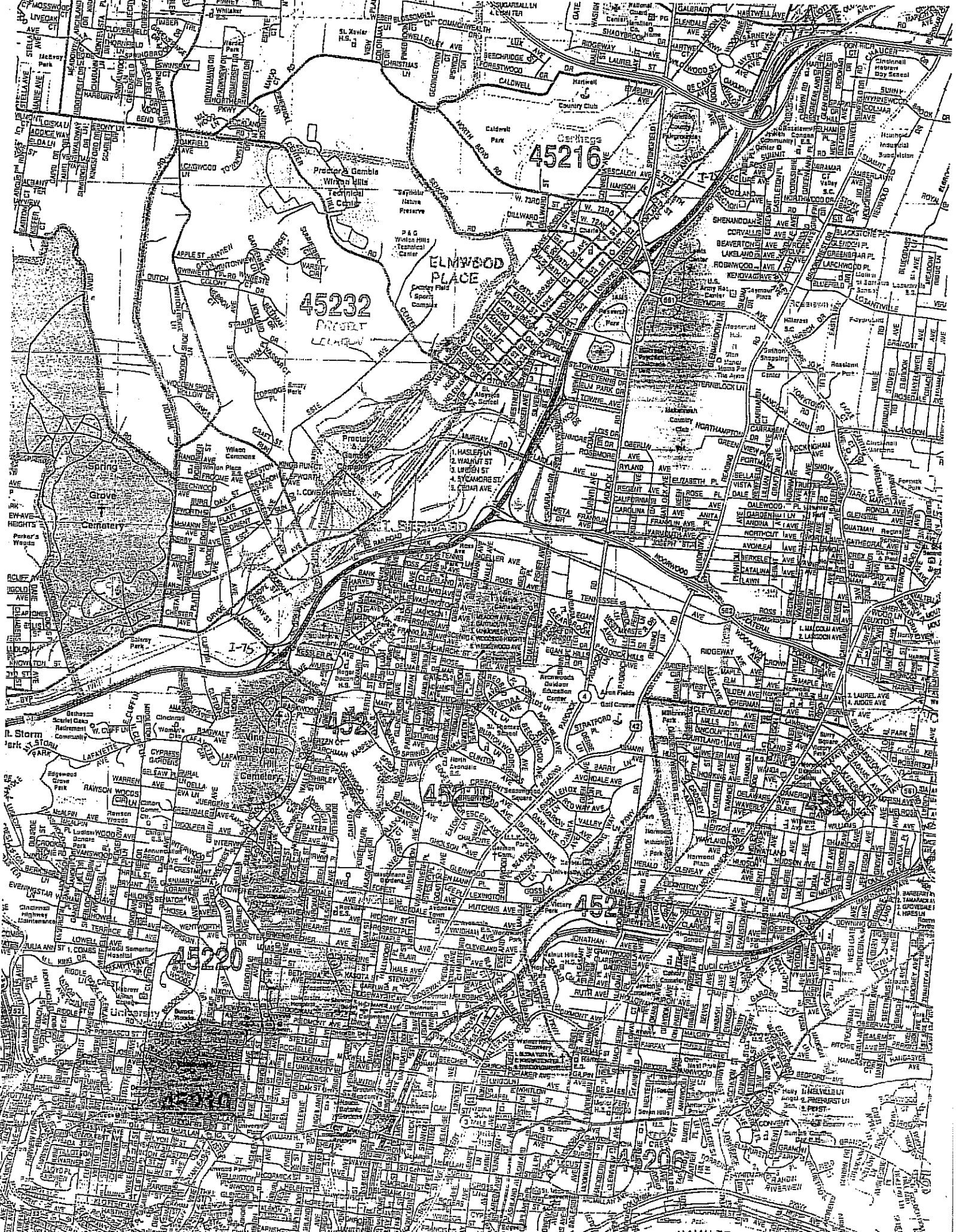
6.0 APPLICANT CERTIFICATION:

The undersigned certifies: (1) he/she is legally authorized to request and accept financial assistance from the Ohio Public Works Commission; (2) to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, all representations that are part of this application are true and correct; (3) all official documents and commitments of the applicant that are part of this application have been duly authorized by the governing body of the applicant; and, (4) should the requested financial assistance be provided, that in the execution of this project, the applicant will comply with all assurances required by Ohio Law, including those involving Buy Ohio and prevailing wages.

Applicant certifies that the project, as defined in the application, has NOT resulted in any transfer of title or rights to land or begun any type of physical improvements prior to the execution of a Project Agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission. Action to the contrary will result in termination of the agreement and withdrawal of Ohio Public Works Commission funding.

Certifying Representative (Type or Print Name and Title)

 4/1/02
Original Signature / Date Signed





Located in the Mill Creek watershed at:

1776 Mentor Avenue
Suite 426
Cincinnati, Ohio 45212
Telephone (513) 731-8400
Fax (513) 731-8404
Email mcrp@one.net

April 1, 2002

Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Review Committee
Natural Resources Assistance Council - District 2
Hamilton County Engineer's Office
10480 Burlington Road
Cincinnati, OH 45231

Dear Review Committee:

Mill Creek Restoration Project supports the Village of Elmwood Place's proposed effort to cleanup contaminated properties and establish greenway buffers along Mill Creek. MCRP works cooperatively with local governments throughout the Mill Creek watershed to make environmental improvements locally and basin-wide. These public-private partnerships are essential if Mill Creek is to become, once again, a valuable natural resource and asset for watershed communities.

MCRP is currently working with the City of Cincinnati and other public-private partners to create a greenway trail and achieve ecological restoration of streams, riparian corridors, floodplains, wetlands and natural resources just west of Elmwood Place, in the Caldwell Seymour area. Here the City is working to economically revitalize this region through cleanup and redevelopment of the Ridgewood Industrial Park and the old Center Hill Landfill.

MCRP welcomes and encourages Elmwood Place's cooperative and coordinated work with MCRP, the City of Cincinnati, and other Caldwell-Seymour partners. We support the Village of Elmwood Place in its proposed collaboration to clean up and reclaim greenspace for its current and future residents.

Sincerely,

Susan Schultz
Director, External Relations

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RESOLUTION BY THE VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD PLACE

IN SUPPORT OF THE VILLAGE'S APPLICATION TO THE CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION FUND FOR THE MILL CREEK GREENWAY - ELMWOOD PLACE SECTION

BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL:

WHEREAS, On July 26, 2001, the Governor signed House Bill No. 3 which created the Clean Ohio Program. As part of that program, the Ohio Public Works Commission will assist in financing the Clean Ohio Conservation Program projects. The commission provides grants for open space and riparian corridors. Funding for this program is \$37,500,000 per year.

WHEREAS, In applying for this grant the village agrees to the Long Term Ownership & Control Requirements of the Ohio Public Works Commission which state that the land, or rights in land acquired with the funds from the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund shall remain in ownership and control of the grant recipient in perpetuity. Any future transfer of ownership and control must be approved by the Director of the Ohio Public Works Commission.

WHEREAS, Studies have shown that the village has one of the smallest amounts of openspace per capita of Hamilton County jurisdictions.

WHEREAS, Openspace has many benefits including improving air and water quality and providing relief from urban closeness.

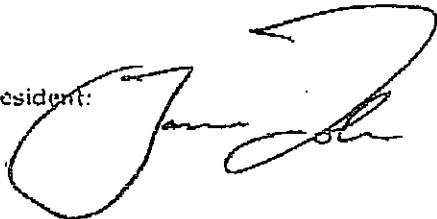
WHEREAS, The Mill Creek Restoration Project includes this project as a piece of their larger Mill Creek Greenway Project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Elmwood Place that this council supports the Mill Creek Greenway- Elmwood Place Section project and supports the application to the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund.

Adopted at the special meeting of the Council of Village of Elmwood Place, Ohio this 1st Day of April 2002.

Council of the Village of Elmwood Place

President:



Clerk:







THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
65 East State Street, Suite 312, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4213

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07/01/2002

Hon. Jim Toles
Mayor
The Village of Elmwood Place
6118 Vine Street,
Cincinnati, OH 45216-

Subdivision Code : 061-25186

Dear Mayor Toles,

Your request for financial assistance from the Ohio Public Works Commission has been approved for the project entitled **MILL CREEK GREENWAY - ELMWOOD PLACE SECTION** in the amount of \$ 67,125. This **Grant** has been assigned project number **CBAAE**. Please use this number when calling or writing our office.

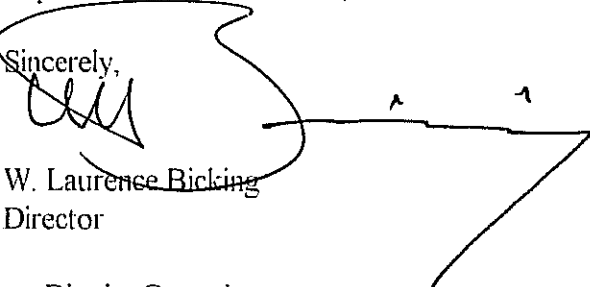
The enclosed Project Agreement defines **The Village of Elmwood Place's** responsibilities in accepting this financial assistance. Please review it carefully to ensure that the project has been accurately described and defined throughout the agreement's appendices. If any errors are found, or if any information needs to be updated, please contact us immediately.

Please execute the Project Agreement by signing both copies. **You must return one fully executed copy to the Commission within forty-five (45) days**, and retain the other for your files. This project may not proceed with acquisition, construction or purchase of materials, **until you have completed the following**: 1) returned one executed copy of the agreement to OPWC, 2) prepared and sent to OPWC a "Request to Proceed" 3) received approval from OPWC on your "Request to Proceed"

The Project Manager and Chief Financial Officer named in the agreement will each receive a separate mailing that explains their respective duties regarding project implementation. The Project Manager has also received a reference copy of the enclosed Project Agreement for their records. All of our project management related documents for the Clean Ohio Program are located at our Web page at www.pwc.state.oh.us. Once there, click on the link titled "**Clean Ohio Program**".

If you have any questions about any aspect of the program, please do not hesitate to call your Program Representative, **Rob White**, at 614/752-9344.

Sincerely,


W. Laurence Bicking
Director

cc: District Committee

614-466-0880
www.pwc.state.oh.us